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Enclosed is a Response to Restriction Requirement for the above application.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This responds to the Restriction Requirement dated August 19, 2002, concerning the application referenced above. Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse claims 1-34, 58, 59, 63, 73, 79-80 and 82-87 of Examiner's Group I for prosecution.

**REMARKS**

Applicant notes that all of the inventions claimed in the present application are in the same class (424), and the same subclass (474). Based upon the same classification and sub-classification, applicant asserts that there is no undue burden on the Examiner to search all the inventions in the present application. Hence, applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the requirement for restriction.

Moreover, applicant also disagrees with certain of the reasons stated by the Examiner to support the requirement for restriction. For example, the Examiner states that Groups II and III are related as "sub-combinations disclosed as useable together in a single combination." The Examiner further states that "invention III has separate utility such as a coated tablet comprising